

*ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS*

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A metal electrode ~~of the invention~~ is formed on a substrate. The metal electrode includes a first layer, a second layer, and a third layer lying, from an outermost surface of the metal electrode toward the substrate, in this order. The first layer contains tin as a principal constituent and the second layer contains a metallic element which produces an eutectic reaction with tin, wherein the melting point of the first layer is higher than ~~that~~ the melting point of the second layer. The third layer is ~~formed as~~ an underlying metallic layer for the first and second layers.